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**June 12, 2001**

Mr. Tyron Nojima  
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Re: Claimant: Daniel Backman  
Employer: First Insurance Co. of Hawaii, Ltd.  
Accident: 07/31/97  
Case No.: 7-99-00534  
RSKCo. No.: 2J029128  
Our File No.: 00-001-32

Dear Mr. Nojima:

We received Dr. Stephen Holmes' report dated June 6, 2001 and evaluation regarding further surgery (enclosed). Pursuant to his review of the imaging studies, he sees no specific changes at C4-5 to suggest a need for surgery at that level. He diagnosed mild diffuse degenerative disc disease and previous solid bony effusion at C4-5 without foraminal or canal stenosis. **Thus, we should deny Claimant's request for surgery C4-5.**

Upon your review, please contact us to discuss further. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Very truly yours,

WONG, OSHIMA & KONDO

  
Leighton K. Oshima  
Darlene Y.F. Itomura

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